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SUBJECT: LIBERIA FORUM: CANADA MAY ATTEND AT LOW LEVEL, NO
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(sbu) In response to reftel demarche, Foreign Affairs desk officer for Liberia Harsha Sirur told Econcouns on January 4 that Canada would likely send a "low-level" embassy representative to the February 13-14 Liberia Partners Forum in Washington. Sirur stated that Canada provides no funding to Liberia either through bilateral projects or via earmarks from Canada's multilateral account for Africa. Although he stated that only a "major shift" in policy would likely change the funding situation, Sirur also said Canada is considering a UN Population Fund (UNFPA) request to support mapping and cartography work to prepare for Liberia's 2008 census -- which would in turn support the 2010 Liberian elections. Sirur said that the UNFPA approached the Canadian Embassy in Abidjan (which also covers Liberia) with the request in December.

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